

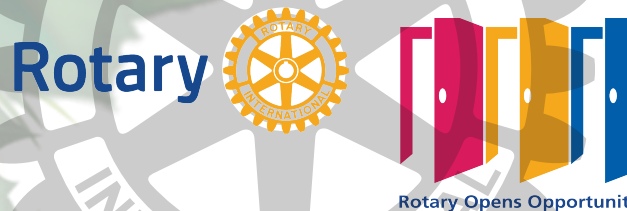
The Advent Season

The Rotary Club of Nacogdoches

“Nacogdoches is more than a place in space,
Nacogdoches is a drama in time”
—borrowed

#2041 - District 5910

The 23rd of December 2020



“Rotary Opens Opportunities”

**Holger Knaack, President RI
Home Club:
Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln
Germany**

The district Herzogtum Lauenburg is named after the medieval Duchy of Saxe-Lauenburg, which was one of the remnants of the original Duchy of Saxony. The Duchy of Saxony was partitioned in a process started in 1269, nine years after in 1260 Albert II and John I had succeeded their father Albert I of Saxon.

RI President Holger Knaack’s theme for Rotary Year 2020-2021 is based on his introduction, “Every great challenge is an opportunity for renewal and growth.”

**We extend our prayers for a
Holy Christmas and a Blessing-Filled New
Year!**

**Note:
We WILL NOT Meet Next Week,
the 30th of December 2020
We will break bread together on Wednes-
day
The 6th of January 2021**

**Program Today
Christmas Message
The Reverend Karl Griswold-Kuhn
Rector, Christ Episcopal Church
Introduction by MaryAnn Bentley**

Karl Kuhn grew up in upstate New York and became a Christian at the age of 14 in a non-denominational church. He attended Portland (Oregon) Bible College after high school with hopes of becoming a youth pastor. God clearly had other plans and Karl ended up attending the State University of New York at Albany and double majored in Philosophy and Political Theory. He was confirmed into the Episcopal Church in 2008 where he discerned a call to the priesthood. Karl attended Berkeley Divinity School at Yale and was ordained in the Diocese of Albany in June 2011. He was rector of a small parish in Kinderhook, New York for 3 years before moving 60 miles north to Glens Falls where he served as rector of Church of the Messiah for 6 years. Karl has been serving as rector of Christ Church in Nacogdoches since August of 2020.

Karl is a sports fan. He loves the Mets, Seahawks and

Warriors. He is a collector of baseball cards, a movie buff, has recently discovered that he enjoys shooting guns (sounds like our Texas influence is already taking hold) and he loves spending time with his family. Speaking of which, Karl is married to Jen and they have a daughter named Judith.

**2020-2021 Program Leaders
If you have a suggestion for a
speaker/program, please contact
Miles McCall or the monthly
program leader.
2021**

January	Patrick Lanmon
February	Gary Ashcraft
March	Jimmy Mize
April	Francis Spruiell
May	Ron Collins
June	Ken Deppisch

Last Week
Masks and Distance Seating – Week 26

President Donna Finley with the gavel, Club Secretary James Standley served as the Sgt-at-Arms and greeter, MaryAnn Bentley gave the family of Rotary report, led the singing and Pledge to the Flag. Emily Alders Farrell provided the music, Farrar Bentley gave the invocation, and Lisa King introduced the guests and visitors.

December Program Chairman MaryAnn Bentley introduced the Regents Academy Orchestra and Choir.

Thank You!
A sincere Thank you to the Regents Academy Orchestra and Choir for their outstanding performance at the 16 December 2020 Rotary Club noon meeting. The directors, Martha DeLuna Mateo and Carolyn Andrews, along with the student’s performance was absolutely stellar. I have known several of the children who performed since they were toddlers and it brought back many fond memories of the time when I was the administrator at Regents Academy. A Blessed Christmas and New Year, MaryAnn Bentley, December Program Chairman

Rotary Billing Questions
If anyone has a Billing question, please contact:
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Kent Ferguson, MDC Chairman
MDC Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the NEDCO board room in the Old Mize Building on North Street. Kent asks for all new member proposals be sent to him at wkentferguson@gmail.com, or by snail mail at this address: 3490 CR 258, Nacogdoches, TX 75965
Thank you in advance for your commitment to Rotary.

Satellite Rotary Club

The Satellite Group will meet again at Napoli’s Tuesday, December 8th at 5:30pm and have plenty of room for social distancing, etc. You are welcome to order food and drink, or just enjoy the fellowship and the program. If you need it

beforehand, here’s the link to Napoli’s menu:
<http://napolitalianrestaurants.com/nacogdoches/>

We will have our usual brief agenda and I know that you will enjoy our program this week. It will be very “educational” (pun intended). Our guest speaker is Igor Gusyakov, a Principal at Nacogdoches High School. He’s going to talk about the current state of life at the high school campus and the status of construction throughout the district. Come listen, learn and ask him all the hard questions. No need to RSVP. Just show up!! Napoli’s has agreed to give us as much room as we need. And, YES, please do invite a friend.

Christmas Thoughts for all the Year
The Editors of McCall’s

Christmas is a celebration, and celebration is instinct in the heart. With gift and feast, with scarlet ribbon and fresh green boughs, with merriment and the sound of music, we commend the day – an oasis in the long, long landscape of the commonplace. Through many centuries, through how many threatening circumstances, has Christmas been celebrated since that cry came ringing down through the ages, “Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11)

Christmas is a celebration, but the traditions that cluster sweetly around the day have a significance only if they translate the heart’s intention – the yearning of the human spirit to compass and express faith and hope and love. Without this intention, the gift is bare, the celebration a touch of tinsel, and the time without meaning. As these attributes, exemplifying the divine spark of mankind, informed the first Christians and have survived the onslaughts of relentless time, so do they shine untarnished in the present year of our Lord.

Faith and hope and love, which cannot be bought or sold or bartered but only given away, are the well-springs, firm and deep, of Christmas celebration. These are the gifts without price, the ornaments incapable of imitation, discovered only within oneself and therefore unique. They are not always easy to come by; but they are in unlimited supply, ever in the presence of all.

This Christmas, mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust. Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Manifest your loyalty in word and deed. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forego a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Flout envy. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Appreciate. Be kind: be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Deserve confidence. Take up arms against malice. Decry complacency. Express your gratitude. Go to church. Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still once again.

These are but inklings of a vast category; a mere scratching of the surface. They are simple things – you have heard them all before – but their influence has never been measured.

Christmas is a celebration, and there is no celebration that compares with the realization of its true meaning – with the sudden stirring of the heart that has extended itself toward the core of life. Then, only

then, it is possible to grasp the significance of that first Christmas – to savor in the inward ear the wild sweet music of the angel choir; to envision the star-struck sky, and glimpse, behind the eyelids, the ray of light that fell athwart a darkened path and changed the world “In the Beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John 1:1
“For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

Our Guests Last Week
Charlotte Ashcraft was the guest of Gary Lee Ashcraft, Theda Busby was the guest of Ralph Busby, Mary Ann Derby was the guest of Jim Stallworth, Randy Legler was the guest of Jason Bradford, Rachel Shipp was the guest of Andrew Shipp, and Lori Velek was the guest of Jason Bradford.



Rotary Club of Nacogdoches -December 16, 2020:
Regents Academy Choir and Strings provided a Christmas program at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Nacogdoches. The choir showcases the significant musical talent at the school and is led by directors Ms. Carolyn Andrews and Ms. Martha DeLuna. The program included a number of Christmas selections and was enjoyed and appreciated by all in attendance. Pictured left to right are back row: Seth Landrum, Owen Fairley, Clayton Terrell, Mason Baker, Gabe Shipp, Bryce Terrell and Abel Ketchen, third row: Karys Alders, Haley McBroom, Susannah Vermillion, Anna Claire Powers, Katelyn Anderson, Leah Vermillion, Haylee Harman, Ashlynn McBroom, second row: Jessica Schlaudt, Cate Baker, Kaitlyn McKenna, Caroline Alders, Reagan Taylor, Emma DeKerlegand, Shelby Rotramel and front row: MaryAnn Bentley, Lina Burklin (accompanist), Martha DeLuna (strings conductor), Carolyn Andrews (choir director), Clara Vermillion, Esther Fairley, Gracie Lyn Harman, Caleb Beauregard, Ian Landrum, Dr. Preston Atwood (Headmaster) and Donna Finley, Club President.

**Find Opportunities that Interest you
Ask about serving
Remember: Each Rotarian has a talent!**

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